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( Case No. 00-873-I (500.011) )

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For: Chemically Modified Double Stranded	)	
Nucleic Acid Molecules	)	

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56 and 1.97 - 1.99, the Applicant wishes to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. This Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with the continuing duty of candor as set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56. This application is a continuation of US Serial No. 09/866,316 filed May 25, 2001 (now U.S. Patent 6,673,611) and is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with Rule 37 CFR §1.98(d), all numbered references are submitted herein. All references cited are also listed in the PTO-1449 form enclosed herewith.

Portions of the listed references may be material to the Examiner's consideration of the presently pending claims. This statement is not a representation that the listed references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. Section 102 or Section 103.

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